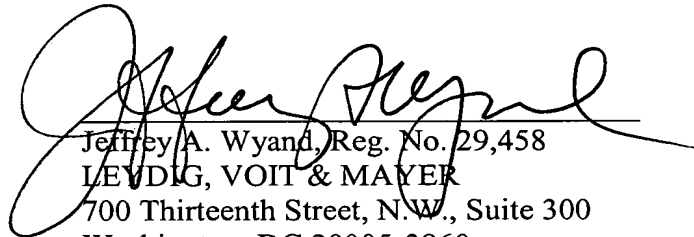


REMARKS

In response to the Official Action mailed September 26, 2003, Applicants propose to amend their application to place the application in form for allowance. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 23, 28, 29, 35, and 36 will be pending. Those claims are all allowed. The claims previously rejected are all cancelled. Therefore, entry of this Amendment and allowance of the remaining claims is appropriate and earnestly solicited.

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